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PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: )  
HAJIME YAMAMOTO, et al. ) : Examiner: J. Guarriello  
Application No.: 09/132,746 ) : Group Art Unit: 1771  
Filed: August 12, 1998 ) :  
For: FIBROUS MATERIAL, )  
PRODUCTION PROCESS OF THE: )  
FIBROUS MATERIAL, INK- )  
ABSORBING MEMBER, :  
TREATING PROCESS OF THE )  
INK-ABSORBING MEMBER, INK:  
TANK CONTAINER AND INK )  
CARTRIDGE : March 12, 2001

Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

AMENDMENT  
AND  
INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated September 11, 2000, the period for response to which having been extended to Monday, March 12, 2001 by the accompanying Petition For Extension Of Time, please amend the above-identified application, as follows:

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